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Loans

Loans under the Land Improvement and the Agriculturists Loans Acts.

*112 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of loans disbursed every year in the Bellary district under the Land Improvement and the Agriculturists Loans Acts respectively from the year 1921 ;

(b) the total amount of the instalments that were due for repayment and the amount out of them actually collected or postponed as the case may be in each of the said years, and

(c) the total number of cases together with their amount ordered to be summarily recovered in each of the above years ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to statements 16 and 17 appended to the annual jamabandi reports which have been placed on Editors' Table.

(c) This information is not available from any existing return and would have to be specially compiled.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c) that the information is not available for all the years, can I have the information for the last two years ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I will consider the suggestion, Sir."

Working of the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agriculturists Loans Act.

*113 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for improving the working of the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agriculturists Loans Act ?

A.—The Government are investigating the question of the feasibility of reducing the rate of interest charged on advances made to cultivators under the Loans Acts. They have also under consideration the question of amending the rule relating to the levy of penalty on arrears.

Public Service Commission

Public Services Commission Bill.

*114 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a Public Services Commission Bill ;

(b) if so, on what lines ; and

(c) when ?

A.—The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India. The Government are therefore unable to make any statement on the subject at this stage.

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Since this answer was sent, may I know if any further correspondence has passed with regard to this Bill and at what stage the matter stands ? "

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Secretariat

Communal representation in the Law Secretariat.

* 115 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the proportion at present of the various communities in each of the several grades both in the Gazetted and Non-Gazetted service till the grade 40--40—1½—55--1—65, in the Law Secretariat of the Government of Madras ; and

(b) how many vacancies have arisen in the several grades from 1921 till the end of April 1928, and how they were filled up ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the establishment list of the Law Secretariat corrected up to the 31st March 1928, copy of which is available in the Legislative Council Library.

(b) The Government regret that they are aware of no sufficient reason for undertaking the compilation of the information asked for.

Settlement

Names of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts selected for enquiring into the indebtedness of ryots.

* 116 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : With reference to paragraph 38 of the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what are the villages selected for making enquiries into the indebtedness of the ryots ;

(b) how many ryots were examined in each of the said villages ; and

(c) whether a list of the ryots examined would be placed on the table of the House together with a tabulated statement of the facts deposed to by each of them ?

A —(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no further information other than that already published in the scheme report.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will be pleased to call for the information asked for in the question ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" As regards clauses (a) and (b), yes ; not as regards (c) because the Government do not feel justified in publishing the private affairs of ryots."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the fact that there are statements in the scheme report which have been based on an enquiry into the condition of the ryots, is it not necessary that the names of those ryots should be given to indicate whether or not the enquiry will justify the conclusions ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not think that the names are material."